SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The paragraph under the heading "2. Description of the Related Art" on page 1 of the specification has been rewritten as follows:

--Fig. 29 shows one of tag types, which are elements of a profile for describing a color characteristic disclosed in, for example, "ICC Profile Format Specification, Version 3.3, November 11, 1996, International Color Consortium". Referring to Fig. [[31]] 29, bytes 0 to 3 are identifiers, 4 to 7 are reserved bytes, 8 is the number of input channels, 9 is the number of output channels, 10 is the number of grid points in multidimensional lookup table to be described later, 11 is a reserved byte for padding, 12 to 15, 16 to 19, 20 to 23, 24 to 27, 28 to 31, 32 to 35, 36 to 39, 40 to 43 and 44 to 47 are encoded parameters eij (i, j = 0 to 2), 48 to m are input onedimensional tables, m + 1 to n are n-dimensional m bytes (n is the number of input channels and m is the number of output channels). The above-mentioned table is also called a multidimensional lookup table. Note that n + 1 to o is an output one-dimensional lookup table.